

## **KENTUCKY ENVIROTHON RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Competitors must be enrolled in grade levels 9 through 12 during the current school year.
2. Each team will consist of five members for the State Competition. In the Regional Competitions the teams will consist of a minimum of three (3) members, and a maximum of five (5) members.
3. Each team will consist of students from the same school and/or organization/association. The org./assoc. Envirothon team members must be in the same local chapter and the org./assoc. must not just have been formed for the purpose of competing in the Envirothon. Ninth grade students attending a junior high/middle school may be on the team if the junior High/middle School is a feeder to the named high school team. Students being home schooled can have a team, but to qualify they must belong to the same home school association.
4. Alternates may only attend if they are properly registered and are substituting for a regular team member who is unable to attend the state contest.
5. **There will be two regional competitions with the top five teams qualifying for the State Competition. The State will be divided into two regional competitions by using KACD Areas. The west regional will include KACD Area 1 through 4. The east regional will include KACD Area 5 through 9. Teams will be allowed to compete in a different regional if justified in writing and approved by Kentucky Envirothon. (Distance is an acceptable reason.)**
6. Registration forms must be typed or neatly printed and received by the announced deadline (with a non-refundable \$50.00 registration fee). Late or illegible registration forms may be rejected. Team registration will not need to include roster until day of regional competition. Each team member must fill out a permission slip, medical information and photo release form to be brought to the Envirothon regional competition (forms will be provided by the Kentucky Envirothon Committee). All Forms must be completed before team will be allowed to compete.
7. The Kentucky Envirothon regional competitions shall consist of five events: Soils, Forestry, Wildlife, Aquatics and Current Environmental Issues. The Kentucky Envirothon State competition will consist of those sites plus an oral competition.
  - a. The Oral Presentation Problem will reflect the topic of the Current Environmental Issue station.
  - b. The oral team presentation will be ten (10) minutes maximum in length followed by five (5) minutes of questions to team members by the judges.
  - c. All five (5) team members must participate orally in the presentation.

- d. During oral presentations, all team members must wear a Kentucky Envirothon T-shirt.
  - e. During oral presentations, no county/city identification, either written or stated, is permitted.
  - f. Visual aids must be prepared on-site by team members using only materials provided by the host committee.
8. No copies of the test shall be distributed to any individual or team prior to the official testing time. After the competition each team and their coach will be given 30 minutes to review their scored test. All tests will be turned in to Kentucky Envirothon Committee.
9. An adult advisor or Conservation District representative must accompany teams to any Envirothon competition. Also Team Advisors may not assist their team in any way once the competition is underway.
10. Transportation and meals in route to and from the State and regional Envirothon site will be the responsibility of each participating team.
11. Team members are not to use or are in possession of electronic recording devices such as tape recorders or videotape cameras, etc. during the competition.
12. Team members are not to be in possession of cell phones and walkie-talkies or any other communication devices during the competition.
13. Reference materials may not be used during an Envirothon competition. Any materials necessary for completion of an Envirothon event will be provided to all teams equally by the Envirothon Committee or the resource person or persons responsible for an individual station or event. Reference materials include, but are not limited to; field guides, soil surveys, maps, diagrams, life histories or other printed materials; audio tapes, video tapes or any other recorded material.
14. Judges' decisions are final on all events. The Envirothon Committee will review contested decisions. Tiebreaker procedures will be determined and announced prior to the beginning of each Envirothon competition. The winning team will be the team with the highest cumulative point total at the end of the five events. Each site is worth 100 points. Total points for regional competition will be 500 points and the State competition will be 600 points.
15. In the event that the winning team(s) cannot represent the State on the national level of competition, the team with the next highest score will be eligible to compete.
16. Tobacco, drugs, and all alcohol are prohibited during the entire stay. In dealing with tobacco products there will be one warning but the student will be disqualified from the competition if

there is a second infraction. Rules applicable to the Envirothon Competition site will be strictly adhered to. Site rules will take precedent over Envirothon rules.

17. Advisors will be responsible to assure that teams display proper conduct during the competition and at the host facility.

18. Stealing of, or vandalism to, personal, private or public property, before, during or after any Envirothon event, will not be tolerated. A committee of three (3) persons will be appointed and identified prior to an Envirothon competition to decide on actions to be taken should any incidence of theft or vandalism occur, related to an Envirothon, before, during or after an Envirothon. Because students compete in an Envirothon as a team, the actions of one or two members of a team may be considered to be the actions of the team as a whole. Possible actions may include, but are not limited to, the following: an Envirothon team may be disqualified from advancing to the next level of competition, a school may be barred from Envirothon competition for a period of time, depending on the nature and severity of the incident a school may be billed for damages relating to an act of theft or vandalism committed by members of an Envirothon team representing that school.

19. Cheating during any Envirothon event will not be tolerated. A committee of three (3) persons will be appointed and identified prior to an Envirothon competition to decide on actions to be taken should any incidence of cheating occur. Because students compete in an Envirothon as a team, the actions of one or two members of a team (including students, advisors, chaperons or anyone traveling with or affiliated with that team) may be considered to be the actions of the team as a whole. Possible actions may include, but are not limited to, the following: an Envirothon team may be disqualified from advancing to the next level of competition; a school may be barred from Envirothon competition for a period of time, depending on the nature and severity of the incident.

20. Appeals must be submitted in writing using the (Kentucky Envirothon Appeal Form) no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the final rotation of the written exams and the oral presentations to a member of the Appeal's Committee.

21. All team members and advisors must attend all scheduled functions.

22. No team members or advisors are allowed to leave the host site without notifying the KY Envirothon Committee.

23 Rules and Regulations of the Envirothon are subject to change. Any and all relevant changes will be explained to all teams and advisors at an affected Envirothon competition.

24 The State Envirothon Committee will consider any suggestions for improvement of the Envirothon Rules and Regulations or Procedures. The Committee meets regularly to formulate and critique each year's program. All changes to the Rules and Regulations are based on general consensus of the Committee.